GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 4.847 Ha **(FP/TG/ROAD/143347/2021)** forest land for improvement of the existing road and widening Road work from "MRL02-PWD road at Mediguda to Maregaon via Kothapally-G, Kunikasa, Paraswada-B of Gadiguda Mandal, Manikgarh RF of Adilabad Division of Adilabad District" in favour of District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, Adilabad- Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 45

Dated: 09-05-2025 Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana, Hyd, Rc.No.13048/2020 -- FCA2, dt:15.06.2021.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.2058/For.I(1)/2021, dt:22-06-2021.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Office(Regional Office, Chennai) Hyd., F.No.4-TSB199/2021-HYD/118, dt.30.07.2021.
- 4. From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana, Hyd, Rc.No.13048/2020 -- FCA2, dt:03.01.2025.
- 5.Govt.Letter.No.2058/For.I(1)/2021, Dt.30.01.2025.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB199/2021-HYD/71, dt.10.03.2025.

<u>ORDER</u>

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 4.847 Ha forest land for improvement of the existing road and widening Road work from "MRL02-PWD road at Mediguda to Maregaon via Kothapally-G, Kunikasa, Paraswada-B of Gadiguda Mandal, Manikgarh RF of Adilabad Division of Adilabad District" in favour of District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, Adilabad.

- 2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the said proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
- 3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.
- 4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal (FP/TG/ROAD/143347/2021) under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- 5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 4.847 Ha (FP/TG/ROAD/143347/2021) forest land for improvement of the existing road and widening Road work from "MRL02-PWD road at Mediguda to Maregaon via Kothapally-G, Kunikasa, Paraswada-B of Gadiguda Mandal, Manikgarh RF of Adilabad Division of Adilabad District" in favour of District Panchayathi Raj Engineer, Adilabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:
 - i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency; State Forest Department should complete the demarcation of the forest land diverted before it is actually handed over to the User Agency.
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out activities like erecting chain link fencing, boundary pillars and SMC works, cultural operations and fire management Works as proposed in the Compensatory Afforestation scheme, at the cost of the user agency over an extent of 4.847 ha out of 59.468 ha identified Non Forest land in Sy.No.86 of Girgaon Village of Tamsi Mandal of Adilabad Range falling in Adilabad Division, in lieu of various road proposals under PMGSY Scheme of Panchayat Raj Department.
- iv. As the State Government proposed to carryout compensatory afforestation in the Degraded Forest Land, the State Forest Department shall carryout compensatory afforestation @ 1111 plants per ha over an extent of 50.00 ha (identified for various PMGSY road proposals) in degraded forest land identified in Compt.243 of Mavala Beat of Adilabad Section & Compt. No.248 of Beat of Adilabad Section of Adilabad Range of Adilabad Division falling in Mavala RF. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species belonging to that particular forest habitat.
- v. Non forest area and degraded forest land identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- vi. Entire Non Forest Lands identified for raising compensatory afforestation over an extent of 59.468 ha identified in Sy.No. 86 of Girgaon Village of Tamsi Mandal of Adilabad Range falling in Adilabad division, in lieu of various road proposals under PMGSY Scheme of Panchayathi Raj Department shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and same shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. A copy of the original notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report to this office for information and record.
- vii. Notification of Non Forest Land as PF/RF shall be done within three months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval by the central government and report compliance, till such time the forest land diverted shall not be handed over to the UA by the State Forest Department.
- viii. The PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State of Telangana shall instruct all the field level officers to implement the CA scheme in its entirety as per the proposal and no CA amount should be left unspent;
- ix. Compliance reported in respect of payment of NPV by the state government is noted.
- All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)
- xi. The site specific wildlife mitigation measures plan including necessary numbers of Animal Passages with suitable heights as per the MoEF and WII guidelines duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State shall be implemented by the concerned DFO and a compliance report submitted to the RO, Chennai/ SO, Hyderabad.

- xii. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- xiii. Speed regulating structures like speed breakers/ Rumble strips shall be created at regular intervals to regulate the speed of vehicles and avoid accidental road kills of wildlife.
- xiv. Construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- xv. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided based on the technical requirement in consultation with the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- xvi. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- xvii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xviii. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- xix. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.847 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- xxi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xxii. No display of advertisement / any such boards, no Arch or any such structure shall be erected/constructed in the forest area approved for diversion.
- xxiii. The User Agency shall ensure no plastic waste / any garbage dumped in the forest area.
- xxiv. No parking of vehicles in the forest area is allowed.
- xxv. At both ends of the road in forest land, display board clearly indicating the details of diversion and legal status of the land being diverted shall be erected to sensitize the public on applicability of the rules/regulation to be followed inside the forest area.
- xxvi. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxvii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

- Any other conditions that the Central Government, State government xxviii. and/or Regional Office, Chennai/Sub Office, Hyderabad (Central) officials, may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency:
- Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van xxix. (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
- The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall XXX. ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s). including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and
- The User Agency shall submit the self-compliance report in respect of xxxi. the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry immediately upon execution of project work.
- compliance report shall be uploaded on xxxii. The e-portal (https://Parivesh.nic.in/).
 - The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
 - The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt.of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN-500004.

The Regional Office(SEZ),

Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, 1st and 2nd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai -34.

The Inspector General of Forests(C), Sub Office, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad,

Regional Office, Chennai, 6th Floor, Aranya bhavan, Hyderabad. The Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, PR Circle, Adilabad District -504001.

The Dist., PR Engineer, Adilabad. SC/SF.

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